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OCEAN TO OCEAN HIGHWAY DELEGATES BANQUET

Read at the Antlers Saturday Night
Was Attended by Seventy-four
Good Roads Boosters.

The banquet given at the Antlers Hotel last Saturday night was a delight to all who attended.

The banqueters assembled at 7 o'clock and after listening to a few selections rendered by the Clovis band, filed into the dining room where a sumptuous repast, consisting of a four-course dinner was served.

Judge G. A. Richardson presided as toastmaster and in his eloquent manner addressed the assembly on the subject of good roads.

President B. D. Oldham, of the Commercial Clubs Association was the first called on, and after a few brief remarks, read a communication from D. K. B. Sellers, who was unable to be present.

Fred W. James was called upon to give expression as to how it felt to be Chairman of a County Road Board with no funds on hand, which he did in a very amusing and satisfactory manner. Addresses were also made by Messrs. L. C. Mersfelder president of the Curry County Highway Association which now has a membership of over fifty active workers and by

Frank Carter of Albuquerque, answered to a toast on development of New Mexico resources by good roads.

Mr. Carter is a New Mexico booster through and through. He thinks, talks, and we believe, dreams New Mexico.

The next speaker of the evening was R. C. Dillon, of Encino, who recited his experiences in building and the kind of employment used.

L. P. Clyn Smith responded to "What Good Roads Meant to the Doctors of Curry County," and handled his subject in a clever manner.

Alex Shipley demonstrated from a money standpoint what the number of persons passing through on the ocean to ocean highway would do for real estate values in Curry county and the country through which it would pass.

Seth B. Holman, Sec'y of the Association spoke next on the subject of co-operation of the towns in securing good roads.

Rev. Marston talked on good roads as a nation builder, mentioned that while the object of the meeting was to agitate the building of broad, plain roads, he was advocating the dim, narrow road.

L. C. Mersfelder responded to "What Good Roads Would Mean to the Politician of Curry County at Election Time."

Harry Patton recited history and gave Rome as an example of what good roads meant to a

community.

Judge Hamlin, of Farwell, talked from a historical standpoint and showed that the first settlements were all made along water courses because of the easy manner of transporting their wares.

Special credit is due the young ladies of Clovis who assisted in serving the guests.

Following are a list of the officers of the Panhandle-Pacific Highway Ass'n which was organized:

L. C. Mersfelder, president, Clovis, N. M.; B. D. K. Sellers, 1st vice president, Albuquerque N. M.; John L. House, 2nd vice president, House, N. M.; C. O. Wolfelin, 3rd vice president, Amarillo, Texas; R. C. Dillon, secretary-treasurer, Encino; Chas. E. Dennis, Deputy Secretary, Clovis.

(This body also constitutes the executive Committee.

Standing Committees:

1. Advertising: Seth B. Holman, Amarillo, Tex; Thomas Egan, Albuquerque, N. M.

2. Finance: B. D. Oldham, Clovis; D. K. B. Sellers, Albuquerque.

3. Inspection: Chairman of each town or district association along the route.

4. Membership: Jno. McGilivray, Lucia, N. M.; W. J. Flesher, Canyon City, Texas; Dr. J. B. Van Horn, Santa Rosa, N. M.

5. Law: Judge J. D. Hamlin, Farwell, Texas, Isaac Barth, Albuquerque, N. M.

6. Entertainment: J. N. Pritchett, Clovis; J. I. Walker, Hereford, Texas; — Mardorf, Albuquerque.

(First name mentioned in each committee, Chairman.

Fifteen Day Extension

Owing to the unusual inclement weather this month since we made our special subscription offer of 50 cents per year to county subscribers to the CLOVIS NEWS, thereby preventing many of our former friends and subscribers from coming to town, we have decided to extend the time of this special offer to January 15 instead of January 1. Many have paid up arrears, renewed and we have succeeded in enlisting a large number of new subscribers, but we feel that because of a week or more of rainy weather and about the same amount of time of snowy and most disagreeable weather, many were prevented from taking advantage of this cut-throat offer. Any publisher will tell you that this amount will not pay for the ink used but we need to maintain a large list of bona fide subscribers for circulation reasons.

Would Burn Jail

Two employees of the Gran Quivira or Harvey House, who had embibed too freely of doctored barleycorn, were consigned to the city bastille Tuesday night and during their incarceration set fire to four mattresses and five comforts. They might have become suffocated, but for the timely arrival of night watchman, Bailey who had them removed to the county jail, where they repeated the performance by setting a mattress on fire. After payment of "trimmings" and costs and for the destroyed property, they were released.

Work Suspended.

Work has been temporarily suspended at the "back shop," the men being told to again report for duty on January 2nd. From thirty five to fifty men are effected by the order, many of whom are taking advantage of the circumstances to visit friends and relations during the holidays.



Antlers Hotel Where Banquet Was Given
Good Roads Boosters.

Tax Rolls Ready

It has been announced by County Treasurer John F. Taylor that he now has the tax rolls ready and incidentally also ready to receive any and all due taxes. This announcement has just been made and further that taxes will be received without the necessity of paying the additional penalty by the first of December as provided by law.

Herbert Case left Christmas day for Los Angeles California, to visit his parents. He is off on a thirty day leave from Santa Fe employment.

No Fight

The scheduled Morris-Geyer boxing contest, which was to have been held here Christmas day, failed to materialize, for the reason the promoters say of a disagreement between the boxers as to terms. The promoters are still at work and the contest may be held later.

J. E. Lidington, former resident of Clovis who has been employed with the Lubbock extension of the Santa Fe, was in the city this week spending the holidays with his family.

NEW CURRENCY BILL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

Measure Destined to Prevent Financial
Panics and Remedy Money Evils
Has Become Law.

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Wilson signed the Glass-Owen currency bill at 6:01 o'clock tonight in the presence of members of his cabinet, the congressional committee on banking and currency and democratic leaders in congress generally.

With a few strokes of the pen, the president converted into law the measure to be known as the Federal Reserve act, reorganizing the nation's banking and currency system and furnishing, in the words of the president, "the machinery for free and elastic and uncontrolled credits put at the disposal of the merchants and manufacturers of this country for the first time in 50 years."

An enthusiastic applause ran through the ceremony, not only as the president affixed his signature but as he delivered an extemporaneous speech, characterizing the desire of the administration to take common counsel with the business men of the country and the latter's efforts to meet the government's advances as "the constitution of peace."

W. W. Davis Promoted

News has been given out that W. W. Davis, Santa Fe storehouse keeper in Clovis, has been promoted to the position of general purchasing agent for the company for the southwestern lines. The statement was issued that although the appointment has not as yet been made, that such action will be taken within a few days.

Here's wishing more success to Davis.

Notice

On the 15th of January a penalty of 2 per cent will be added on the first one-half of the taxes of 1913 if not paid.

John F. Taylor,
Treasurer and Tax Collector,
Curry County, N. M.

K. C. Childers made a flying visit to Melrose Friday.

Mrs. A. B. Carley arrived Tuesday from Granfield, Okla., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe LaLonde.

Rev. E. B. Crimm and singer, Mr. Comby, who have been conducting a Revival Meeting at Clovis, for the past several weeks left Wednesday for Artesia to spend several days with a friend, after which they will commence a Revival Meeting at Portales, next Sunday.

The best coal on the market is to be found at the Clovis Fuel yard. Phone 181.—Chas. D. Irvine, Mgr.

Shipley a Benedict

Alex Shipley, one of the officers of the Clovis National Bank, was united in marriage on the 23 inst to Mrs. Ora Elliott of this city by Judge A. W. Hockenbush. The newlyweds left Christmas for El Paso to spend a short honeymoon, after which time they will be at home in Clovis.

Shaw-Yoakum

L. E. Shaw, a prominent railroad man of this city and Mrs. Etta Yoakum were married Sunday 21st by Rev. Marston, pastor of the Methodist church. The ceremony uniting the happy couple in the inseparable bonds of matrimony was performed at the residence of J. R. Walker. Only a few friends of the contracting parties were present at the wedding, they being Mrs. Gus Bryan, Miss Evelyn Hamilton, Miss Etta Horn and Mr. Greer. The residence was especially decorated for the event, the ceremony taking place under suspended wedding bells.

Mr. Shaw is a Santa Fe passenger brakeman on the Pecos Valley lines and Mrs. Yoakum has been employed at the Gran Quivira.

The happy twain left Monday for a short trip to Dallas.

A Big Snow

The heaviest snow of the season began falling Saturday night and by Sunday evening the ground was covered by a liberal amount of the beautiful. The fall continued until Monday when it is estimated that five and a half to six inches had fallen on the level.

No wind of any consequence accompanied the storm and the precipitation was quiet and equally distributed. A heavy rain fell just previous to the snow and this together with the unusual amount of rain only a short time previous will establish a new December moisture record in Curry county. No live stock suffering has been reported and the big snow will be of great benefit to winter wheat of which Curry county can boast of the largest acreage planted of any in the state.

"Uncle" George W. Singleton of Santa Fe fame was a Clovis visitor this week spending the holidays with members of his family. Mr. Singleton is still employed with the Lubbock Clovis extension of the Santa Fe.

Oscar Justus has been transferred to Amarillo and promoted to the position of bonus clerk in one of the Santa Fe departments. The order came from Devlin Thursday and Mr. Justus left Friday morning.